

Legislature To Recess This Week; Short Session Most Important In State's History

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 3.—With a six weeks' recess to be taken Thursday or Friday and with but one bill of major consequence remaining for final passage before the recess, representatives and senators will return to the Capitol Wednesday afternoon to wind up probably the most important short session ever held by an Alabama Legislature.

Having passed the New Deal bills which Gov. Bibb Graves contends will bring \$88,000,000 of federal recovery funds into Alabama in the near future, the law-makers on the last day of the current short session, will take up the "key" bill of the entire lot, the State Public Works Board proposal.

This bill, establishing a five-member board, to be named by the governor and to be removed by the governor with or without cause, under the terms of another bill already enacted into law, is slated for passage in the Senate.

When approved this measure will concentrate the entire recovery program in the hands of the board, and the governor since the bill gives the board authority to approve or reject any application for federal loans from the many boards, commissions and other public works bodies which are created in the New Deal measures.

Already the Legislature has consumed 15 of the 90 days required for the 1935 legislative session, and in addition to the New Deal and the referendum bills, has passed in rapid order all but one of the bills filed by Gov. Graves during the act of the various departments directly under the governor.

In all, 47 of the 251 bills introduced in the two houses during the first 15 legislative days have been passed by the legislative branches, and most of them have been signed by the governor.

Only one bill has been actually defeated in passage and but one measure sent to the governor's desk for his approval. It was amended to meet the governor's desires and was sent back to his desk for final signature.

Not until the legislators return Wednesday will the date of the final meeting of the Legislature this week be decided. When the House and Senate recessed Saturday afternoon it was decided to hold two legislative days this week, beginning with the Wednesday afternoon session, but whether the second legislative day would be held Thursday or Friday remains unsettled.

The adjourned session, according to plans announced by legislative leaders Saturday, will open March 19, and from then until late in June the Legislature probably will remain in session to complete the remaining 35 legislative days.

Soon after the recess of the Legislature the campaign to modify Alabama's drastic prohibition laws will reach full stride and will be settled at the polls February 26.

Three recess committees, simultaneously, will work during the recess. These committees will draw up the governor's revenue bill, consider proposed judicial reforms in Alabama and weigh education, highways and agricultural problems.

Aside from the New Deal bills and the Public Works Board measure, not remaining for passage, the current short session of the Legislature was distinguished primarily by the rapid passage of the prohibition referendum measure and various administration bills.

Under the terms of the referendum, 11 voters in Alabama will have an opportunity at the polls February 26 to cast their ballots on the following questions:

1. Shall Alabama's laws against prohibited liquors be modified?
2. Shall Alabama legalize the sale, manufacture and distribution of wines and beer?
3. Shall Alabama legalize the manufacture and distribution of hard liquors under strict state regulations but under no condition any saloons?

The first administration bill en-

acted by the 1935 Legislature in response to Gov. Graves' initial message to the Legislature, gave the governor the right to discharge, with or without cause, any person appointed by him in any of the state executive departments.

The Legislature next passed the administration-sponsored Walker bill, taking the TVA from jurisdiction of the Alabama Public Service Commission.

Then was passed the bill abolishing the office of state fire marshal and transferring the duties of the office to the State Insurance Department, quickly followed by passage of the prohibition referendum measure, requested by Gov. Graves to carry out his campaign pledges.

The governor requested that the one man highway commission operating during the Miller administration be increased to a three-member body, with each member drawing annual salaries of \$3,600, and the Legislature, without dissent, passed the bill.

Similar rapid passage was given other administration bills, increasing the State Board of Administration from one to two members, and enlarging the State Tax Commission from one to three members. As in the highway commission bill, salaries of the board members and tax commissioners were limited to \$2,600 a year.

One additional bill sponsored by the governor in his first message, abolishing the office of state prison inspector, has been introduced, but probably will not pass until the adjourned session.

Besides the administration bills specifically outlined by the governor in his message, the Legislature during the last few weeks gave right of way to other proposals later outlined and endorsed by the governor.

One of these gives Gov. Graves the power to refund the \$14,000,000 or more debt funding warrants of 1933, now drawing interest at the rate of 5 per cent, at a reduced interest rate.

Another repeals the special 1 cent gasoline tax of 1931, which would have expired September 30, 1935, and the 1 cent gasoline tax levied in 1932, and in place of these levies imposed a permanent tax of 2 cents, half of the proceeds to be placed in a pool by the state and the other half by the counties, beneficiaries of the 1931 tax, to provide a fund of \$3,000,000 to be used in meeting federal aid funds during the next 12 months.

After February 1, 1936, however, the counties will continue to receive the proceeds of the renewed 1 cent tax of 1931.

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THE ELBA CLIPPER

COFFEE COUNTY FARMER IS MAKING FINE FIDDLERS

Mr. J. W. Matthews, well known farmer who lives on the Math Rushing place in the Zora community, is becoming quite a manufacturer of "Fiddlers" or Violins if you choose to call the musical instrument by that name.

Mr. Matthews was displaying one of his models here last week and to the writer it looked just the same as any we have ever seen. Quite a number have been made and they are now scattered over two or three states. He also repairs and reconditions these instruments, supplying whatever broken or lost parts that may be needed.

It was learned from Mr. Matthews that every single piece of material used by him was raised right here in the county. The principal wood used is Maple, although some pine is used, and all of it comes from the forests of Coffee County. The only thing bought for use on Mr. Matthews' fiddles is the set of strings.

When asked about his equipment for making fiddles, Mr. Matthews replied that his principal tools were a pocket knife, hack saw, chisel and a home-made tool he used for scraping the wood. Of course, we do not know very much about "fiddling" but the tune from Mr. Matthews' Coffee County fiddles was the only daughter of any other models to us.

KINSTON QUINTELL HOLDING WINNING STRIDE

The Kinston basketball team is continuing its winning ways. It scored the following victories last week: Kinston 63, Geneva 6; Kinston 18, Mt. Pleasant 17; Kinston 41, Arnton 18; Kinston 41, New Brooklyn 3. The Kinston girls defeated Geneva girls by a score of 18 to 15.

The Junior Hl tournament last Saturday was a big success. In the first round the following were defeated: New Hope 19, Rhoades 15; Mt. Pleasant 24, In-d-i-mas-cus 21; Fairview 13; Curtis drove a two. Second round, New Hope 18, Rhoades 14; Damascus 23, Curtis 33. Final game for championship resulted in a victory for Curtis over New Hope by the score of 17 to 9.

Kinston will play Stralough two games Saturday, at 2:30 and 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

MRS. JETER, MISS BULLARD ENTERTAIN STUDY CLUB

The Elba Study Club held its January meeting in the home of Mrs. J. Jeter with Miss Annie Bullard joint hostess.

The living room and dining room were attractively decorated with baskets of bright colored flowers.

Mrs. Allan Ringdorf, president, called the meeting to order and presided. Roll call and minutes were read by Mrs. Lamar Raint.

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LITTLE GIRL KILLED NEAR TROY WHEN STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE DRIVEN BY COMMISSIONER LEE

Mary Alice Johnson died Thursday at 7:45 p.m., at a local hospital, from injuries received when struck by an automobile about 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon as she was going to a roadside mail box on the Troy and Elba highway.

The accident occurred in front of her uncle Jack Fryers home about five miles from Troy. Mr. Fontaine Lee, a member of the Commissioner's Court of Coffee County, was the driver of the car. The child had been with her mother and several friends to visit neighbors in the community and on route home they parked the car on the roadside to get the mail.

It is said Mr. Lee slowed down to pass the car, and it is reported the child ran across the road directly in the path of the machine, being struck and carried several yards receiving fatal injuries.

Mr. Lee and other occupants of his car off to the hospital. After the car struck the child, the driver, near the driver's seat. He further stated that if the little girl had stopped for a second that he would have been able to get out of the way.

Mr. Lee offered every assistance possible to the family and the accident was said to have been unavoidable on his part. A number of Elba people attended the funeral of the little girl on Friday afternoon.

DRY MEETING HELD IN NEW BROOKTON LAST SUNDAY

At a mass meeting held in the Baptist Church in New Brooklyn Sunday afternoon, which was attended by practically all the pastors of the churches in this county, together with a large number of laymen and women, an organization was perfected for the purpose of fighting repeal of Alabama's dry laws.

Mr. W. T. Whitman, local drugist and superintendent of the Elba Day Sunday School, was elected chairman of the county organization.

After stating briefly the purpose of the organization and expressing his desire and his determination to see this movement extended to every beat in the county, every pastor present, and a number of laymen, made brief speeches, pledging their wholehearted support and cooperation to the movement.

The chairman appointed the following as a committee to outline the plan of campaign and arrange a speaking schedule to cover the entire county: Dr. W. D. Ogletree, Enterprise; Rev. B. G. Smith, Elba; Judge J. A. Carnley, Elba; Rev. R. B. Bolerfield, Enterprise; Mrs. Wade Sawyer, New Brooklyn; Mrs. W. S. Huey, Enterprise; Rev. B. S. Franklin, Elba; Prof. W. A. Eldon, New Brooklyn; Rev. P. C. Andrews, Enterprise; Rev. W. M. Bush, New Brooklyn; and C. B. McDowell, Elba.

DIRECTORS OF TEACHERS ASSOCIATION ENTERTAINED

The Board of Directors of the County Teachers Association met in the Home Economics Buike at New Brooklyn with the president, Mr. W. A. Eldon, Thursday afternoon, January 31st.

Plans were made for a county wide meeting to be held in Elba, February 16. After the business hour, Elba served a delicious plate.

Members of the board present were: Supt. Rowe Watson, Mr. H. T. Grace, Mr. Price, Mrs. Ruth Tomblin, Mrs. Will Vaughan, Miss Lucille Campbell and Mrs. Grell Tillman.

CURTIS HONOR ROLL

First Grade—Marguerite Ann Britt, Dot Young, Sarah Lee Grimes, Martha Sue Grimes, Earl Jones, James Sexton, Esther Mae Foley, Nellie Pearl Jackson.

Second Grade—Roy D. Cauley, Junior Cooper, Elmer Cowen, Dorothy Carlsky, Lela Clark, Marie Holloway, Bessie M. Hudson, Mary Jackson, Gladys Johnson, Eula Mae Kendrick, Myrtle Taylor, Frances Trotter.

Third Grade—Jack Cowen, Junior Cauley, Aubrey Jacobs, John Paul Lee, Henry Louis Norris, Robert Paul Taylor, Q. P. Hudson, Jean Meacham, Martha Sue Cooper, Luna Dell King, Frances Taylor, Jessie Mae Daniels.

Fourth Grade—Charles Courson, Mack Daniels, Ruby Nell Taylor.

Fifth Grade—Mildred Willford, Virginia Brooks, James Heath, Willis Woodard, Elsie Fay Dawkins.

Sixth Grade—Paul Donaldson, Vettie Cowen, Winifred Grimes, Doris Pair.

Seventh Grade—Eunice Johnson, Estelle McKinney, Luna Mae Ranco.

Eighth Grade—Annie Laurie Taylor.

Ninth Grade—Eloise Smith, Dot Willford, Loris Dawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Wright, Mrs. J. C. McLeod and Mrs. S. H. Brock were guests of friends in Hartford Monday.

HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE; \$800.00 IN CURRENCY BURNS

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rowell, who live about two miles from town on the Elba-Victoria road, was completely destroyed by fire last Thursday night. All household and kitchen furniture, and their wearing apparel were likewise a total loss.

The Rowells also lost \$800.00 in currency which was hidden in the house when it was consumed by the flames. It is stated that Mr. and Mrs. Rowell were away at the time of the fire and the origin has not been determined. Many express the opinion that the house was robbed and then set on fire to cover any clues. Be that as it may, Mr. and Mrs. Rowell have lost their home, all their clothes and in addition their saving of \$800.00.

ELBA THEATRE PROGRAM INCLUDES BIG FEATURES

Jack Oakie, who plays the part of a vaudeville star, is featured in tonight's program at the Elba Theatre, with Ben Bernie and his orchestra, Dorothy DeLoraine, Arthur, Alison Spivorth, Lew Cody and Roscoe Karns in "Shanghai". A musical comedy with plenty of laughs. Every one of these headliners are at their best in this production and the plot will keep you guessing all along.

The "Saturday Evening Post" has called the Elba Theatre tonight for the last time.

Another popular Bob Steele Western is the feature for Friday night and Saturday afternoon and night. Supporting him are Doris Hill and George Hayes.

FOUR NEW FORD TRUCKS FOR COUNTY ROAD WORK

The Elba Motor Company, Inc. of Elba, Ala., has delivered to Coffee County last Saturday four brand new 1935 Ford V-8 trucks, which will be used in road work in the county during the coming year. One truck goes to each Commissioner's district.

The new trucks were purchased through the Coffee County Relief Administration and will be used in the new plan of work whereby the county is to employ labor from the relief rolls in road building and maintenance projects throughout the county.

The new trucks are of the latest model, equipped with dual wheels and hydraulic dump bodies. County officials are looking forward to better work under the new set-up and the use of the trucks. They point out that the trucks will be a great advantage in projects where surfacing is to be done, either with sand or clay, in that much time will be saved in dumping.

DRYS WILL HOLD RALLY AT ENTERPRISE FRIDAY

Exponents of the theory that it will be against the best interests of Alabama to legalize the sale of liquor within the state will hold a rally at Enterprise Friday afternoon of this week, starting at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. Mary Harris Armstrong, National president of the W. C. T. U., is to be the principal speaker. She is said to be one of the most brilliant women and most eloquent speakers in America. Mrs. Lamar Smith, Alabama State President of the W. C. T. U., will also be present.

It is planned to perfect an organization throughout the county at Friday's rally.

NEW BROOKTON MUSIC CLUB ENTERTAINED JANUARY 29

The Music Club of New Brooklyn was entertained Wednesday, January 29th, by Misses Vonelle Sawyer and Gladys Palmer at the home of Hilda Sawyer, with Miriam Sawyer as accompanist, "Old Folks at Home" and "Jesus Calls Us" were sung.

The following program was rendered, with Frances Windham in charge:

Paper, "Edison and Music"; Martha Elizabeth Eldon.

Paper, "Life of Schubert"; Vonville Sawyer.

Piano Solo, "Schubert's Serenade"; Martha Elizabeth Eldon.

Piano Solo, "Perfect Happiness"; Vonville Sawyer.

Current Events—Annie Laura Hudson.

A delightful plate of cakes and hot chocolate with marshmallows was served.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Hilda Sawyer, with Blanche Brock as joint hostess—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam R. Morgan were visitors to Pine Level Tuesday, having gone to attend the double funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Ray, who were killed in an automobile accident near Montgomery Sunday night. Mrs. Sawyer was Mrs. Morgan's great niece. Mr. F. K. Paul, who was injured in the accident, is also a nephew of Mrs. Morgan.

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17 Indictments Returned By Grand Jury In Short Session Held At Elba This Week

The grand jury for the Elba Division of the Circuit Court was recessed Tuesday afternoon after a two-day session and returned 17 indictments. Ten of these true bills were for felonies and seven for misdemeanors. The body made its first trip to the county jail at the almshouse and jail, and aside from this found all county affairs in good condition. A full report of the grand jury is published below.

Judge W. L. Parks presided at the court when cases on the non-jury, appearance and equity dockets were called for hearing. All matters on these dockets received attention and the court adjourned late Tuesday afternoon.

COFFEE COUNTY TEACHERS ASSN TO MEET IN ELBA SAT., FEB. 16

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Coffee County Teachers Association held at New Brooklyn last Thursday, it was decided that a county-wide meeting of the teachers would be held at Elba, Saturday, February 16, beginning at 9:30 a.m. A barbecue lunch is to be served at the Association's expense.

The committee is planning the program and an effort is being made to have some prominent speaker address the Association. Representatives from the county will be invited to have a part on the program. Matters of importance which concern the Association and educational problems in the county will come up for discussion and passage at the meeting. One hundred per cent attendance is urged by Prof. W. A. Eldon, president of the County Association.

MRS. PARKER ENTERTAINS FRIENDS AT PARTY

Mrs. James W. Parker entertained a few of her friends with a special-theater party last Thursday. Two tables of rock were played and at noon a delicious salad plate was served. Those enjoying this pleasant hospitality were Mrs. Jeff Bryan, Mrs. Dottie Bryan, Mrs. D. C. Beckham, Mrs. Fred Cook, Mrs. W. B. Cook, Mrs. Irma Rainey, Mrs. J. L. White, Mrs. Clifford Cook, and the hostess.

Mrs. Aime Hatway and family have moved to Blacum, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Oswell Dowling, their daughters, Martha, Frances and Mary Oswell, and Miss Jean Brunson visited relatives in Samson last Sunday.

CIRCUIT COURT CALENDAR

It is ordered that the call of the non-jury, appearance, equity, jury trial cases and jury criminal dockets for the trial of cases therein and the organization of grand juries for the Spring Term, 1935, of the Courts of the 12th Judicial Circuit be hereby fixed to be made and at the following sessions, dates and places:

Troy—Monday, March 25, Jury Civil; Monday, April 1, Jury Civil; Monday, April 15, Jury Civil; Monday, April 22, Jury Criminal.

Elba—Monday, May 6, Jury Criminal.

Elba—Monday, May 27, Jury Criminal.

It is further ordered that the Clerks of the Circuit Courts and Registers of Deeds and Coffee County enter these orders on the minutes of their respective Courts and have made and furnished to each member of the bar practicing in said Courts, a copy hereof.

W. L. PARKS, Judge, January 9th, 1935.

Mrs. McEae Sykes of Luverne visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lee, Saturday and Sunday.

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Whom Shalt Thou Serve?

Love thy neighbor as thyself. Who is thy neighbor? If you love me keep my commandments. Give your neighbor your patronage. Trade at home. . . . Let our dollars help each other. Here to serve. . . . Let us be your bookkeeper.

Elba Merchants Exchange

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